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Dutch Harbor Subdistrict State-Waters Pacific Cod
Pot Gear Season Reopening with Rescinded Pot Limits and Exclusivity
Emergency Order # 4-GF-18-22

The Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear will close at 11:59 pm on October 6, 2022, to allow for modification of management measures. The Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season will immediately reopen 12:00 am October 7, 2022, for vessels 58 feet or less OAL using groundfish pot gear, as a non-exclusive registration area for Pacific cod without limitations on the number of pots fished.

Fishermen transitioning between a federal or parallel Pacific cod fishery and a state-waters Pacific cod fishery must deliver all unprocessed Pacific cod on board prior to participating in or exiting the Dutch Harbor state-waters Pacific cod season. Open and unbaited groundfish pots may be stored on the fishing grounds in waters greater than 25 fathoms for seven days prior to the reopening of the state-waters season.

Previous participants in the 2022 Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific cod season will need to contact the department to check in to the fishery. First time participants will need to register with Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices in Dutch Harbor or Kodiak. Buoy tags are not required for the remainder of the season.

Reporting will be required daily. Reports will be taken by telephone (907-581-1239), text/WhatsApp (907-512-7234), or email (dfg.dutchharbor@alaska.gov).

When the state-waters Pacific cod season is open, state waters are closed to vessels fishing in parallel Pacific cod pot fisheries (including CDQ) that are 58 feet and less OAL. The Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season is closed south of 53° 06.11' N lat. Steller sea lion protection measures will be in effect during the state-waters season. Closures are listed in Tables 5 and 12 to 50 CFR part 679 posted on the NMFS web site at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=e928699f8903a416bed34b9bcaae6903&mc=true&node=pt50.13.679&rgn=div5>.

For additional information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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